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EXDIS, FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY SISCO

FOLLOWING STATE 224721 ACTION TOKYO USUN NY MOSCOW NOV 15TH.

QUOTE

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EXDIS TOSEC 522

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN UNTSO

REF: A. USUN 4712; B. STATE 224293

1. SOVIET EMBASSY MINISTER COUNSELOR GROMYKO TELEPHONED DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE AT OPENING OF BUSINESS NOVEMBER 14 TO "CLARIFY" HIS DEMARCHE OF THE DAY BEFORE (REFTEL B.) ON BASIS FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN.

2. GROMYKO SAID HE COULD NOW STATE THAT AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN AND SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD REACHED AN UNDERSTANDING THAT EACH SIDE WOULD PROVIDE 36 OBSERVERS FOR UNTSO. THIS UNDERSTANDING CONTAINED NO MENTION OF CONFIDENTIAL

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INTERPRETERS. SUBSEQUENTLY, HOWEVER, SOVIET PERMREP MALIK HAD AGREED WITH SYG WALDHEIM THAT SOVIETS WOULD PROVIDE 36 OBSERVERS PLUS 36 INTERPRETERS TO ASSIST THEM ONLY TO FIND THAT AMBASSADOR SCALI OPPOSED THIS ARRANGEMENT.

3. HAVING STRAIGHTENED OUT THIS POINT, GROMYKO SAID HE WISHED TO EMPHASIZE SOVIET VIEW THAT THEY ARE NOT RECEIVING THE COOPERATION IN NEW YORK THAT THEY BELIEVE SHOULD FLOW FROM THE UNDERSTANDINGS SECRETARY KISSINGER

HAD REACHED IN MOSCOW DURING HIS MID-OCTOBER VISIT. HE ADDED THAT HE WAS NOT PRESENTING AN OFFICIAL SOVIET POSITION BUT CONVEYING THEIR "FEELING" ON THE MATTER. UNLESS US REPRESENTATIVES TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONDUCT THEMSELVES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE MOSCOW UNDERSTANDINGS, SOVIETS FIND IT DIFFICULT TO FORESEE POSITIVE RESULTS IN NEW YORK FROM EFFORTS TO EFFECT SUCH MATTERS AS JOINT AUSPICES THAT HAD BEEN AGREED TO IN MOSCOW. GROMYKO REPEATED HIS ALLEGATION THAT AMBASSADOR SCALI'S ACTIVITIES ARE CONTRADICTORY TO MOSCOW UNDERSTANDINGS.

4. ARMITAGE SAID HE WOULD PASS ALONG GROMYKO'S "CLARIFICATION" BUT ADDED THAT IN SO FAR AS HE WAS AWARE OUR DELEGATION IN NEW YORK KEPT IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER ON MATTERS RELATED TO MIDDLE EAST CRISIS. RUSH UNQUOTE RUSH

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